



July 12, 2006

Stan Dixon, Chairman  
California Board of Forestry  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1506-14  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Dixon, *Stan*

In March, 2006, I wrote to you to express my deep commitment to the process of improving the regulatory framework surrounding stewardship of California's forest lands. I also addressed the joint meeting of the Board of Forestry and the Fish and Game Commission in May 2006 to emphasize my commitment to this objective. It has, and continues to be, one of my highest priorities.

I understand that your Board now has the opportunity to work with the Department of Fish and Game to adopt substantive regulations for the protection of anadromous salmonids. Adoption of substantive rules by your Board could facilitate the permitting process the regulated public must undertake in order to obtain an incidental take permit for any species listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act. In addition, adoption of such rules may contribute to the development of a 4(d) rule for the same species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. By developing a single set of comprehensive rules to restore and protect these species, your Board will accomplish two goals; better protection of endangered species, and an improved permitting process that provides greater clarity for the regulated public.

Any actions the Resources Agency can take to facilitate adoption of the 2112 Rules have my full support and continues to be one of my highest priorities. I look forward to working with you to improve the regulatory process in order to better attain the beneficial outcomes that we are entrusted by the public to accomplish.

Sincerely,

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Secretary for Resources

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